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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 7th, 12th, 13th, 15th to 18th, 20th, 24th to 33rd, 35th, 37th and 38th meetings, on 14, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28 and 29 October, 4, 11, 12, 18, 21 and 27 November and 3, 6, 9 to 13 and 16 December 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/57/SR.7, 12, 13, 15-18, 20, 24-33, 35, 37 and 38).

3. In accordance with the criteria for the use of the contingency fund annexed to General Assembly resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987, the Committee, at its 37th meeting, on 13 December 2002, considered a consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates that were subject to the criteria for the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/57/33). The consolidated amount fell within the available balance of the contingency fund. The Committee therefore proceeded to approve the required amounts under the relevant sections of the programme budget.

4. Section II of the present report provides a summary of the recommendations made by the Fifth Committee during the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly on the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and on the programme budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly, either on the recommendation of its Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary meeting.

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5. Section III provides a summary of the special subjects considered by the Fifth Committee that led to the adoption of specific decisions to be recommended to the General Assembly.

6. The recommendations of the Fifth Committee are contained in section IV.

II. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

7. In its resolutions 56/254 A and B of 24 December 2001, the General Assembly approved budget appropriations for the biennium 2002-2003 in the amount of $2,625,178,700 and income estimates in the amount of $404,295,400. By its resolutions 56/274 B and 56/286 of 27 June 2002, further appropriations were approved resulting in revised appropriations of $2,699,267,800 and revised income estimates of $410,036,100.

8. Recommendations made by the Fifth Committee during the current session of the General Assembly on revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General, as well as on the programme budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly under items considered by other Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary meeting, have resulted in a net increase in the approved level of appropriations in the amount of $191,550,900 and a net increase in the approved income estimates in the amount of $4,393,500.

9. The revised estimates of expenditure and income approved by the Fifth Committee and the financial implications of resolutions recommended by other Main Committees and subsequently by the General Assembly are indicated, by expenditure and income section, in the following table:

(In United States dollars)

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 56/254 A, 56/274 B and 56/286*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
A.	**Expenditure sections**			
1.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	49 365 800		
	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		1 263 000	
	Total	**49 365 800**	**1 263 000**	**50 628 800**
2.	General Assembly affairs and conference services	449 775 300		
	First performance report (A/57/616, A/55/7/Add.16 and A/C.5/57/SR.38)		20 817 600	
	Total	**449 775 300**	**20 817 600**	**470 592 900**
3.	Political affairs	165 579 400		
	(a) First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		73 992 700	

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	(b)	The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (A/C.5/57/28, A/57/7/Add.20, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		182 900	
	(c)	United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala, programme budget implications of draft resolution (A/C.5/57/30, A/57/7/Add.21, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		11 631 400	
	(d)	The situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/57/27, A/57/7/Add.23, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		163 900	
		Total	**165 579 400**	**85 970 900**	**251 550 300**
4.	Disarmament		15 432 300		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		388 800	
		Total	**15 432 300**	**388 800**	**15 821 100**
5.	Peacekeeping operations		73 600 700		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		4 599 400	
		Total	**73 600 700**	**4 599 400**	**78 200 100**
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space		4 044 800		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		270 500	
		Total	**4 044 800**	**270 500**	**4 315 300**
7.	International Court of Justice		23 837 300		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		2 478 600	
		Total	**23 837 300**	**2 478 600**	**26 315 900**
8.	Legal affairs		35 265 800		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		488 700	
		Total	**35 265 800**	**488 700**	**35 754 500**
9.	Economic and social affairs		121 043 400		
	(a)	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		1 946 700	
	(b)	Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/C.5/57/24, A/57/7/Add.18, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		250 000	
	(c)	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (A/C.5/57/26, A/57/7/Add.19, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		316 600	

Section			Amount approved in resolutions 56 254 A, 56 274 B and 56 286	Increase (decrease)	Revised appropriation
	(d)	Ensuring effective secretariat support for the sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/C.5/57/32, A/57/7/Add.24, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		95 500	
		Total	**121 043 400**	**2 608 800**	**123 652 200**
9A.	Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries		3 055 600		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		43 900	
		Total	**3 055 600**	**43 900**	**3 099 500**
10.	Africa: New Agenda for Development		5 932 700		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		119 600	
		Total	**5 932 700**	**119 600**	**6 052 300**
11A.	Trade and development		84 858 400		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		6 437 400	
		Total	**84 858 400**	**6 437 400**	**91 295 800**
11B.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO		18 022 600		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		1 351 300	
		Total	**18 022 600**	**1 351 300**	**19 373 900**
12.	Environment		7 660 200		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		694 900	
		Total	**7 660 200**	**694 900**	**8 355 100**
13.	Human settlements		11 541 800		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		1 252 400	
		Total	**11 541 800**	**1 252 400**	**12 794 200**
14.	Crime prevention and criminal justice		5 733 800		
	(a)	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		375 100	
	(b)	Strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat (A/57/152 and Corr.1, A/57/152/Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2, A/57/152/Add.2, A/57/7/Add.13, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		230 900	
		Total	**5 733 800**	**606 000**	**6 339 800**

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 56/254 A, 56/274 B and 56/286*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
15.	International drug control	15 289 100		
	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		1 004 600	
	Total	**15 289 100**	**1 004 600**	**16 293 700**
16.	Economic and social development in Africa	80 845 700		
	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		3 020 200	
	Total	**80 845 700**	**3 020 200**	**83 865 900**
17.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	53 396 200		
	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		5 425 100	
	Total	**53 396 200**	**5 425 100**	**58 821 300**
18.	Economic development in Europe	40 605 900		
	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		3 192 900	
	Total	**40 605 900**	**3 192 900**	**43 798 800**
19.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	69 399 400		
	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		3 811 100	
	Total	**69 399 400**	**3 811 100**	**73 210 500**
20.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	50 140 200		
	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		(297 400)	
	Total	**50 140 200**	**(297 400)**	**49 842 800**
21.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 749 600		
	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		121 900	
	Total	**42 749 600**	**121 900**	**42 871 500**
22.	Human rights and humanitarian affairs	44 727 100		
	(a) First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		2 804 500	
	(b) Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002 (A/C.5/57/13 and Corr.1, A/57/7/Add.12, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		44 700	
	Total	**44 727 100**	**2 849 200**	**47 576 300**

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23.	Protection of and assistance to refugees		42 890 400		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		3 065 600	
		Total	**42 890 400**	**3 065 600**	**45 956 000**
24.	Palestine refugees		24 828 400		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		3 450 300	
		Total	**24 828 400**	**3 450 300**	**28 278 700**
25.	Humanitarian assistance		20 011 600		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		565 800	
		Total	**20 011 600**	**565 800**	**20 577 400**
26.	Public information		144 719 200		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		2 388 400	
		Total	**144 719 200**	**2 388 400**	**147 107 600**
27.	Management and central support services		440 883 600		
	(a)	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		10 276 600	
	(b)	Ensuring effective secretariat support for the sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/C.5/57/32, A/57/7/Add.24, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		85 700	
	(c)	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (A/C.5/57/26, A/57/7/Add.19, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		96 200	
		Total	**440 883 600**	**10 458 500**	**451 342 100**
28.	Internal oversight		20 296 900		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		649 700	
		Total	**20 296 900**	**649 700**	**20 946 600**
29.	Jointly financed and administrative activities		8 436 600		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		323 000	
		Total	**8 436 600**	**323 000**	**8 759 600**

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30.	Special expenses		70 987 500		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		6 098 100	
		Total	**70 987 500**	**6 098 100**	**77 085 600**
31.	Capital expenditures		87 254 500		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		1 086 600	
		Total	**87 254 500**	**1 086 600**	**88 341 100**
32.	Staff assessment		353 991 000		
	(a)	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		13 359 300	
	(b)	The situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/57/27, A/57/7/Add.23, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		65 200	
	(c)	Strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat (A/57/152 and Corr.1, A/57/152/Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2, A/57/152/Add.2, A/57/7/Add.13, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		55 600	
	(d)	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (A/C.5/57/26, A/57/7/Add.19, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		43 000	
	(e)	Ensuring effective secretariat support for the sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/C.5/57/32, A/57/7/Add.24, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		22 000	
	(f)	The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (A/C.5/57/28, A/57/7/Add.20, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		41 400	
	(g)	United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala, programme budget implications of draft resolution (A/C.5/57/30, A/57/7/Add.21, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		1 359 000	
		Total	**353 991 000**	**14 945 500**	**368 936 500**
33.	Development account		13 065 000		
		Total	**13 065 000**	**-**	**13 065 000**
		Grand total, expenditure estimates (gross)	**2 699 267 800**	**191 550 900**	**2 890 818 700**
B.	**Income sections**				
1.	Income from staff assessment		358 278 500		
	(a)	First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		13 183 400	
	(b)	The situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/57/27, A/57/7/Add.23, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		65 200	

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	(c)	Strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat (A/57/152 and Corr.1, A/57/152/Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2, A/57/152/Add.2, A/57/7/Add.13, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		55 600	
	(d)	Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (A/C.5/57/26, A/57/7/Add.19, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		43 000	
	(e)	The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (A/C.5/57/28, A/57/7/Add.20, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		41 400	
	(f)	United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala, programme budget implications of draft resolution (A/C.5/57/30, A/57/7/Add.21, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		1 359 000	
	(g)	Ensuring effective secretariat support for the sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/C.5/57/32, A/57/7/Add.24, A/C.5/57/SR.37)		22 000	
		Total	**358 278 500**	**14 769 600**	**373 048 100**
2.	General income		47 283 200		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		(5 330 000)	
		Total	**47 283 200**	**(5 330 000)**	**41 953 200**
3.	Services to the public		4 474 400		
		First performance report (A/57/616, A/57/7/Add.16, A/C.5/57/SR.38)		(5 046 100)	
		Total	**4 474 400**	**(5 046 100)**	**(571 700)**
		Grand total, income sections	**410 036 100**	**4 393 500**	**414 429 600**

10. At its 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee considered the revised estimates of expenditure and income to be recommended for approval by the General Assembly for the biennium 2002-2003, as well as the financing of the appropriations for the year 2003. The Committee took the following action:

(a) The Committee approved the revised budget appropriations for the biennium 2002-2003 (see para. 80, draft resolution II A);

(b) The Committee approved the revised income estimates for the biennium 2002-2003 (see para. 80, draft resolution II B);

(c) The Committee approved the draft resolution on the financing of appropriations for the year 2003 (see para. 80, draft resolution II C).

III. Consideration of special subjects

Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi

11. The Committee considered this question at its 12th, 13th and 28th meetings, on 21, 22 and 27 October. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/362) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.3, sect. A).

12. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi" (A/C.5/57/L.23), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Portugal. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 80, draft resolution I, sect. I).

Capital master plan

13. The Committee considered this question at its 16th to 18th, 29th and 37th meetings, on 25, 28 and 29 October and 3 and 13 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/285) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.4).

14. At the 29th meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Belgium, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Capital master plan" (A/C.5/57/L.29). At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 80, draft resolution I, sect. II).

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

15. The Committee considered this question at its 29th, 30th and 38th meetings, on 3, 6 and 16 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/23) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.17).

16. At the 38th meeting, on 16 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized" (A/C.5/57/L.43), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Egypt. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 80, draft resolution I, sect. III).

Strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat

17. The Committee considered this question at its 20th and 37th meetings, on 4 November and 13 December. It had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/152 and Corr.1, A/57/152/Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2 and A/57/152/Add.2) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.13).

18. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat" (A/C.5/57/L.47), informal consultations on which had

been coordinated by the representative of New Zealand. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 80, draft resolution I, sect. IV).

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

19. The Committee considered this question at its 26th, 28th, 30th, 33rd and 38th meetings, on 18 and 27 November and 6, 11 and 16 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/479) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.15).

20. At the 30th meeting, on 6 December, the representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research" (A/C.5/57/L.38), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,

"1. *Notes* that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research did not benefit from rental rates and maintenance costs similar to those enjoyed by other organizations affiliated with the United Nations such as the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development;

"2. *Decides* that the general administrative, personnel and financial services of the United Nations shall be utilized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on conditions determined in consultation between the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the Institute;

"3. *Decides also* that the United Nations will provide the space occupied by the Institute free of rent and maintenance charges and will also provide in future budgets, starting with the biennium 2004-2005, an amount of $305,400 biennially for that purpose;

"4. *Decides further* that the Institute's current outstanding debt of $310,974 relating to unpaid rental and maintenance costs shall be paid by the United Nations in the context of the programme budget for 2004-2005;

"5. *Decides* to amend paragraph 13 of article VIII of the statute of the Institute as proposed in the statement by the Secretary-General on these matters."

21. At the 33rd meeting, on 11 December, the sponsor of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.38 revised operative paragraph 3 to read:

"3. *Decides also* that the United Nations will provide the space occupied by the Institute free of rent and maintenance charges starting with the biennium 2004-2005 and will also provide in future budgets an amount of 305,400 United States dollars biennially for that purpose;"

The revised draft resolution was subsequently issued as document A/C.5/57/L.38/Rev.1.

22. At the 38th meeting, on 16 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, following informal consultations, introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research" (A/C.5/57/L.50). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.50 without a vote (see para. 80, draft resolution I, sect. V).

23. In view of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.50, draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.38/Rev.1 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

24. The Committee considered this question at its 29th, 30th and 38th meetings, on 3, 6 and 16 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/616) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.16).

25. At the 38th meeting, on 16 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution entitled "First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003" (A/C.5/57/L.48), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Portugal. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 80, draft resolution I, sect. VI).

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

26. The Committee considered this question at its 38th meeting, on 16 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/33). The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman (see A/C.5/57/SR.38).

27. At the same meeting the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appropriate the required amounts, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General, and that it note that a balance of $31,200 would remain in the contingency fund (see para. 80, draft resolution I, sect. VII).

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

28. The Committee considered this question at its 7th and 15th meetings, on 14 and 24 October. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/322). The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman (see A/C.5/57/SR.7).

29. At the 15th meeting, on 24 October, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa" (A/C.5/57/L.8). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 80, draft decision I).

Videoconferencing at the United Nations

30. The Committee considered this question at its 7th and 15th meetings, on 14 and 24 October. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/339 and

Corr.1). The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman (see A/C.5/57/SR.7).

31. At the 15th meeting, on 24 October, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Videoconferencing at the United Nations" (A/C.5/57/L.10). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 80, draft decision II).

Decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services

32. The Committee considered this question at its 12th, 13th and 15th meetings, on 21, 22 and 24 October. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/348) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.3, sect. E).

33. At the 15th meeting, on 24 October, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services" (A/C.5/57/L.11). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision III).

Delivery of advisory services

34. The Committee considered this question at its 12th, 13th and 15th meetings, on 21, 22 and 24 October. At its 12th meeting, on 21 October, it had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/363) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.3, sect. D).

35. At the 15th meeting, on 24 October, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Delivery of advisory services" (A/C.5/57/L.12). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision IV).

Trends in extrabudgetary resources at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the impact on its capacity to carry out the programme of work

36. The Committee considered this question at its 13th and 15th meetings, on 22 and 24 October. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/364) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.3, sect. C).

37. At the 15th meeting, on 24 October, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Trends in extrabudgetary resources at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the impact on its capacity to carry out the programme of work" (A/C.5/57/L.13). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision V).

Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions

38. The Committee considered this question at its 12th, 13th and 28th meetings, on 21 and 22 October and on 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-

General (A/57/361) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.3, sect. F).

39. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions" (A/C.5/57/L.15). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision VI).

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

40. The Committee considered this question at its 20th and 28th meetings, on 4 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/133) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.6).

41. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "United Nations Fund for International Partnerships" (A/C.5/57/L.16). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision VII).

Inter-organizational security measures: framework for accountability for the United Nations field security management system

42. The Committee considered this question at its 20th and 28th meetings, on 4 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/365) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.11).

43. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Inter-organizational security measures: framework for accountability for the United Nations field security management system" (A/C.5/57/L.17). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision VIII).

Conversion into established posts of some temporary assistance posts financed under section 2 of the programme budget

44. The Committee considered this question at its 24th, 25th and 28th meetings, on 11, 12 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/473) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.14, sect. I).

45. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Conversion into established posts of some temporary assistance posts financed under section 2 of the programme budget" (A/C.5/57/L.19, draft decision I). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision IX).

Cases in which incumbents of the posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for the post

46. The Committee considered this question at its 24th, 25th and 28th meetings, on 11, 12 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General

(A/57/466) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.14, sect. II).

47. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Cases in which incumbents of the posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for the post" (A/C.5/57/L.19, draft decision II). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision X).

Presentation of estimates of staff assessment

48. The Committee considered this question at its 24th, 25th and 28th meetings, on 11, 12 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/464) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.14, sect. III).

49. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Presentation of estimates of staff assessment" (A/C.5/57/L.19, draft decision III). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XI).

Development Account

50. The Committee considered this question at its 20th and 28th meetings, on 4 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/360) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.5).

51. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Development Account" (A/C.5/57/L.20), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Ethiopia, Rapporteur of the Committee. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XII).

Experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in its decision 53/411 B

52. The Committee considered this question at its 20th and 28th meetings, on 4 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/14) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.10).

53. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in its decision 53/411 B" (A/C.5/57/L.21), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Ethiopia, Rapporteur of the Committee. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XIII).

Proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

54. The Committee considered this question at its 26th, 28th and 37th meetings, on 18 and 27 November and 13 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/396). The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman (see A/C.5/57/SR.26).

55. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations" (A/C.5/57/L.24), which read:

"The General Assembly:

"(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;

"(b) Adopts the revised Financial Regulations, as set forth in the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General;

"(c) Decides that the revised Regulations shall become effective on 1 January 2003."

56. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman introduced a revised draft decision entitled "Proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations" (A/C.5/57/L.24/Rev.1). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XIV).

Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat

57. The Committee considered this question at its 24th, 25th and 28th meetings, on 11, 12 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/483) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.14, sect. V).

58. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat" (A/C.5/57/L.25). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XV).

Results-based budgeting

59. The Committee considered this question at its 24th, 25th and 28th meetings, on 11, 12 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/478), the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/57/474) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.14, sect. VI).

60. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Results-based budgeting" (A/C.5/57/L.26), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Belgium, Vice-Chairman of the Committee. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XVI).

Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

61. The Committee considered this question at its 24th, 25th and 28th meetings, on 11, 12 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/471) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.14, sect. IV).

62. At the 28th meeting, on 27 November, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations" (A/C.5/57/L.28), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Belgium, Vice-Chairman of the Committee. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XVII).

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

63. The Committee considered this question at its 26th, 27th and 37th meetings, on 18 and 21 November and 13 December. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the UNIDIR for a subvention (A/C.5/57/4) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.7).

64. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research" (A/C.5/57/L.27). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XVIII).

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

65. The Committee considered this question at its 28th and 37th meetings, on 27 November and 13 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/467) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.8).

66. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean" (A/C.5/57/L.32). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XIX).

Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization

67. The Committee considered this question at its 12th, 13th and 37th meetings, on 21 and 22 October and 13 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/57/355) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.2).

68. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Strengthening the Department of Public

Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization" (A/C.5/57/L.37), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Portugal. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XX).

Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

69. The Committee considered this question at its 29th, 31st, and 37th meetings, on 3, 9 and 13 December. It had before it a statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1 (A/C.5/57/24) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.18).

70. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women" (A/C.5/57/L.46, draft decision I), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Belgium, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

71. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XXI).

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

72. The Committee considered this question at its 29th, 31st, 32nd and 37th meetings, on 3, 9, 10 and 13 December. It had before it a statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7 (A/C.5/57/26) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.19).

73. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues" (A/C.5/57/L.46, draft decision II), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Belgium, Vice-Chairman of the Committee. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XXII).

Khmer Rouge trials

74. The Committee considered this question at its 31st, 32nd and 37th meetings, on 9, 10 and 13 December. It had before it the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70 (A/C.5/57/29) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.22).

75. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Khmer Rouge trials" (A/C.5/57/L.46, draft decision III), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Belgium, Vice-Chairman of the Committee. At the same meeting,

the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XXIII).

Ensuring effective secretariat support for the sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

76. The Committee considered this question at its 35th and 37th meetings, on 12 and 13 December. It had before it the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62 (A/C.5/57/32) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.24).

77. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Ensuring effective secretariat support for the sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development" (A/C.5/57/L.46, draft decision IV), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Belgium, Vice-Chairman of the Committee. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XXIV).

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002

78. The Committee considered this question at its 20th and 37th meetings, on 4 November and 13 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/57/13 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/7/Add.12).

79. At the 37th meeting, on 13 December, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision entitled "Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002" (A/C.5/57/L.46, draft decision V), informal consultations on which had been coordinated by the representative of Namibia. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote (see para. 81, draft decision XXV).

IV. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

80. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

The General Assembly,

I. Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi

Recalling paragraph 163 of its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001, by which it requested the Secretary-General to bring the financial arrangements of the United Nations Office at Nairobi into line with those of similar United Nations administrative offices,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi,[1] and endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[2]

2. *Welcomes* the intention of the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and urges him to increase the regular budget component of the Office in future bienniums so as to ensure that the Office is able fully to execute programmes and activities within its mandate;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the provisions of the present resolution in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

II. Capital master plan

Recalling its resolutions 54/249 of 23 December 1999, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 56/234 and 56/236 of 24 December 2001 and 56/286 of 27 June 2002,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the capital master plan,[3]

Having also considered the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

1. *Takes note with concern* of the hazards, risks and deficiencies of the current condition of the United Nations Headquarters complex, and concurs with the Secretary-General that a decision on viable solutions must be made to ameliorate those conditions;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the capital master plan;[3]

3. *Also takes note* of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4] and endorses the observations and recommendations contained therein, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

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[1] A/57/362.
[2] A/57/7/Add.3, sect. A.
[3] A/57/285.
[4] A/57/7/Add.4.

4. *Welcomes with appreciation* the offer of support from the City and State of New York, and acknowledges their efforts to make possible the implementation of the capital master plan;

Scope of the capital master plan

5. *Decides* to implement the capital master plan on the basis of the baseline scope under the first approach to phasing and swing space, with a projected construction budget of 1,049 million United States dollars,[5] a variance of plus or minus ten per cent, that is, a range currently estimated at 944.1 to 1,153.9 million dollars, a proposed construction start date of October 2004 and a construction duration of five years;

6. *Notes* that the projected budget should be increased by up to 144 million dollars should the Assembly decide to implement any of the scope options referred to in paragraph 11 below;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to proceed with the remaining phases of design development and construction documentation, bearing in mind the provisions set out below;

Baseline scope

8. *Approves* the implementation of the baseline scope as amended by the exclusion of the proposed new large conference room and multi-function hall in the parking garage;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session plans for the three additional conference rooms foreseen in the baseline scope, including the information used to determine the need for such additional space and the size of each room;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include in those plans viable solutions for allowing natural light into the rooms, with a view to ensuring occupationally healthy conditions;

Scope options

11. *Approves* the inclusion in the design documents of the proposed scope options for security, redundancy and contingency and sustainability within the design work for the capital master plan, without prejudice to the final decision to be made by the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session with regard to the scope options to be included, and also approves the contingency plans for retaining the proposed new large conference room and multi-function hall in the parking garage of the United Nations Headquarters complex;

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[5] The amount of $1,049 million, with a variance of plus or minus 10 per cent, assumes a construction start date of October 2004 and reflects a baseline scope estimate of $991 million, a swing space estimate of $96 million, a decrease of $17 million in respect of previously approved security measures, a decrease of $57 million in respect of the exclusion of a new large conference room and multi-function hall in the existing complex and the addition of $36 million in respect of the inclusion of the replacement of the curtain wall.

Swing space

12. *Endorses* the proposal of the Secretary-General, in line with the first approach to phasing and swing space, to complete the negotiations with the City of New York for the construction and lease purchase of a new United Nations consolidated building on a section of the Robert Moses Playground, including the cost of providing alternative park amenities for the community to compensate for the loss of part of the playground;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include a permanent large conference room and a permanent multi-function hall in a design of the new United Nations consolidated building;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that, in addressing the design of the United Nations consolidated building, the necessary security and environmental parameters are respected;

15. *Approves*, in principle, the approach of the Secretary-General that the acquisition of the United Nations consolidated building will be made through a lease-purchase agreement with the United Nations, upon the expiry of which the building and the land on which it stands would be owned by the United Nations;

Parking

16. *Takes note with concern* of the existing difficulties with regard to the availability of parking at the United Nations;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study all viable options to ensure sufficient parking spaces so as to meet the existing and future needs of diplomatic missions and Secretariat staff within the projected overall budget of the capital master plan, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session in the context of its consideration of the capital master plan;

Management and oversight

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to put in place strict control standards for all phases of the plan prior to and during its implementation, defining the precise refurbishment work to be done and the technical results to be achieved so as to ensure that there are no cost overruns associated with the overall project, that the project is completed successfully within the envisaged time frame and budget and within the agreed technical specifications, that there are financial penalties for contractors in the case of non-respect of deadlines and that there is a guarantee that will ensure the long-term quality of the work undertaken;

19. *Concurs* with the intention of the Secretary-General to establish an independent and impartial advisory board, as outlined in paragraph 66 of his report,[3] and requests him, in establishing the board, to reflect wide geographical representation;

20. *Takes note* of the information included in paragraph 75 of the report of the Secretary-General[3] and of the fact that the Board of Auditors, in order to avoid a conflict of interest, did not assume responsibility for the validation of initial project costs;

21. *Stresses* in this regard the importance, as a matter of transparency, that the Secretary-General report to the General Assembly on such situations;

22. *Also stresses* the importance of oversight with respect to the development and implementation of the capital master plan, and requests the Board of Auditors and all other relevant oversight bodies to initiate immediate oversight activities and to report annually thereon to the General Assembly;

23. *Takes note* of annexes II and III to the report of the Secretary-General,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to issue a corrigendum that reflects the current organizational structure of the Secretariat for managing the capital master plan, both at present and over the course of its implementation;[6]

Appropriation and funding

24. *Decides* that a special account for the capital master plan should be established, and requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements in this regard, in accordance with the provisions of regulation 6.6 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

25. *Also decides* to appropriate 25.5 million dollars to the special account for the capital master plan for the biennium 2002-2003, in accordance with the relevant resolutions on the scale of assessments applicable for the biennium 2002-2003, for design and related project management and management of pre-construction services for the baseline scope and scope options;

26. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments of up to 26 million dollars for the biennium 2004-2005 to provide for the remaining work, related project management and management of pre-construction services for the baseline scope and scope options;

27. *Welcomes* the preparedness of the Secretary-General to initiate a campaign to encourage and secure private donations;

28. *Reaffirms* the importance of continuing efforts to secure financial resources from the public and private sectors for upgrading facilities and equipment, including the participation of private companies in infrastructural improvements, where such participation has no financial implications for the Organization, and also reaffirms that the acceptance of any donation should conform to the international and intergovernmental character of the Organization and should be in full compliance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on:

(a) The status of possible funding arrangements, including a financial package to be provided by the host country;

(b) Other contributions and his efforts to secure such contributions from public and private sources;

(c) All aspects of the outcome of negotiations with the City and State of New York;

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[6] The corrigendum was subsequently issued as A/57/285/Corr.1.

(d) The progress of the design work;

Procurement

30. *Requests* the Secretary-General, considering the need to continue to explore ways to increase procurement opportunities for vendors from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to take the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 54/14 of 29 October 1999 and 55/247 of 12 April 2001 on procurement reform fully into consideration in the implementation of the capital master plan;

31. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to it on an annual basis on the awarding of contracts for procurement for the capital master plan;

Final provisions

32. *Decides* that none of the provisions of the present resolution, with the exception of paragraphs 24 to 26 and all requested design specifications, are binding in the event that the City and State of New York cannot fulfil their commitments to the capital master plan and if the host country does not offer a financing package to cover the project, described in paragraph 5 above;

33. *Also decides* to revert to the issue of the financing of the capital master plan at its fifty-eighth session;

34. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it annual progress reports on the implementation of the capital master plan.

III. Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized[7] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[8]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized,[7] and endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[8]

2. *Approves*, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an additional appropriation of 60,039,000 dollars for the nineteen special political missions presented in the report of the Secretary-General under section 3, Political affairs,[9] of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003;

3. *Also approves* an appropriation of 8,183,100 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment,[10] to be offset by a corresponding amount under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment,[11] of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

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[7] A/C.5/57/23.
[8] A/57/7/Add.17.
[9] A/56/6 (Sect. 3).
[10] Ibid. (Sect. 32).
[11] Ibid. (Income sect. 1).

IV. Strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat

Recalling paragraph 103 of its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat[12] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[13]

1. *Reaffirms* the priorities of the Organization as set out in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005,[14] namely:

(a) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(b) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

(c) Development of Africa;

(d) Promotion of human rights;

(e) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(f) Promotion of justice and international law;

(g) Disarmament;

(h) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

2. *Also reaffirms* the role of the Centre for International Crime Prevention in contributing to the prevention of international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as mandated and reflected in the medium-term plan;[15]

3. *Further reaffirms* the role of the Centre in providing, at the request of Member States, technical assistance in the prevention of international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

4. *Approves*, as a charge against the contingency fund, an amount of 230,900 dollars for one D-1, one P-4, one P-3 and two General Service (Other level) posts under section 14, Crime prevention and criminal justice, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003[16] and a related amount of 55,600 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment,[17] offset by the amount of 55,600 dollars under income section 1, Income from staff assessment,[18] and decides that the balance of resource requirements as detailed in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General[19] shall be reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

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[12] A/57/152 and Corr.1, A/57/152/Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2 and A/57/152/Add.2.

[13] A/57/7/Add.13.

[14] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/55/6/Rev.1), para. 23.

[15] Ibid., programme 12.

[16] A/56/6 (Sect. 14).

[17] Ibid. (Sect. 32).

[18] Ibid. (Income sect. 1).

[19] A/57/152/Add.2.

V. United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Recalling its resolutions 47/227 of 8 April 1993 and 56/208 of 21 December 2001,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research[20] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[21]

1. *Emphasizes* the need to find a viable financial solution to ensure the future effective functioning of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

2. *Notes with concern* that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research has accumulated a debt to the United Nations and to the Fondation immobilière pour organisations internationales due to lack of payment of rent and maintenance for its liaison offices in New York and Geneva;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, on the basis of consultations with the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the financial viability of the Institute, including the status of all voluntary contributions and the payment of the Institute's accumulated debt, as well as on provisions offered to other comparable organizations;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to address, in the context of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, based on the aforementioned consultations with the Institute, specific proposals and options on how best to address the issue of its past and future maintenance and rental costs, drawing on the provisions made for other organizations associated with the United Nations.

VI. First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Having considered the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003[22] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[23]

1. *Reaffirms* the budgetary process as approved in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and as reaffirmed in subsequent resolutions;

2. *Also reaffirms* its resolutions 56/253 and 56/254 of 24 December 2001 and 56/274 B, 56/286 and 56/287 of 27 June 2002;

3. *Takes note* of the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003,[22] and endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[23] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of 6,896,100 dollars to support the meeting requirements of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for the period from 1 January 2002 to 31 March 2003 under the following sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: 6,531,900 dollars under section 2, General

[20] A/57/479.
[21] A/57/7/Add.15.
[22] A/57/616.
[23] A/57/7/Add.16.

Assembly affairs and conference services,[24] and 364,200 dollars under section 27 D, Office of Central Support Services;[25]

5. *Notes* the continued unpredictability of the service requirements for the activities of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the scope for absorption of some or all of the costs related to the servicing of the Committee;

6. *Reiterates* paragraph 2 of its resolution 56/288 of 27 June 2002, in which it requested the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of conference and support services to the Counter-Terrorism Committee without adversely affecting other conference services;

7. *Decides* to consider further the conference and support servicing of the Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2003 in the light of the review by the Security Council of the activities of the Committee;

8. *Also decides* to approve 9.9 million dollars for realized vacancy rates in 2002 and to consider the actual realized vacancy rates for 2003 in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003;

9. *Reiterates* paragraphs 133 to 136 of its resolution 56/253;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide information on regular budget expenditures on a quarterly basis in the appropriate format;

11. *Notes with deep concern* the serious and continuing deterioration in the business of the United Nations Postal Administration;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, as a matter of priority, that the continuing downward trend in the business of the United Nations Postal Administration is reversed, considering all possible courses of action for the future conduct of its business, and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the second performance report;

13. *Approves* a net increase of 176,866,900 dollars in the appropriation approved for the biennium 2002-2003 and a net increase of 2,807,300 dollars in the estimates of income for the biennium, to be apportioned among expenditure and income sections as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General.[22]

VII. Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Notes that a balance of 31,200 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

[24] A/56/6 (Sect. 2) and A/56/6/Corr.1.

[25] Ibid. (Sect. 27 D).

Draft resolution II
Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

A
Revised budget appropriations for the biennium 2002-2003

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2002-2003, the amount of 2,699,267,800 United States dollars appropriated by it in its resolutions 56/254 A of 24 December 2001 and 56/274 B and 56/286 of 27 June 2002 shall be adjusted by 191,550,900 dollars, as follows:

(In United States dollars)

	Section	*Amount approved in resolutions 56/254 A, 56/274 B and 56/286*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
Part I.	*Overall policy-making, direction and coordination*			
	1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	49 365 800	1 263 000	50 628 800
	2. General Assembly affairs and conference services	449 775 300	20 817 600	470 592 900
	Total, part I	**499 141 100**	**22 080 600**	**521 221 700**
Part II.	*Political affairs*			
	3. Political affairs and special missions	165 579 400	85 970 900	251 550 300
	4. Disarmament	15 432 300	388 800	15 821 100
	5. Peacekeeping operations	73 600 700	4 599 400	78 200 100
	6. Peaceful uses of outer space	4 044 800	270 500	4 315 300
	Total, part II	**258 657 200**	**91 229 600**	**349 886 800**
Part III.	*International justice and law*			
	7. International Court of Justice	23 837 300	2 478 600	26 315 900
	8. Legal affairs	35 265 800	488 700	35 754 500
	Total, part III	**59 103 100**	**2 967 300**	**62 070 400**
Part IV.	*International cooperation for development*			
	9. Economic and social affairs	121 043 400	2 608 800	123 652 200
	9A. Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries	3 055 600	43 900	3 099 500
	10. Africa: New Agenda for Development	5 932 700	119 600	6 052 300
	11A. Trade and development	84 858 400	6 437 400	91 295 800
	11B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	18 022 600	1 351 300	19 373 900
	12. Environment	7 660 200	694 900	8 355 100
	13. Human settlements	11 541 800	1 252 400	12 794 200
	14. Crime control	5 733 800	606 000	6 339 800
	15. International drug control	15 289 100	1 004 600	16 293 700
	Total, part IV	**273 137 600**	**14 118 900**	**287 256 500**

	Section	Amount approved in resolutions 56 254 A, 56 274 B and 56 286	Increase (decrease)	Revised appropriation
Part V.	*Regional cooperation for development*			
	16. Economic and social development in Africa	80 845 700	3 020 200	83 865 900
	17. Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	53 396 200	5 425 100	58 821 300
	18. Economic and social development in Europe	40 605 900	3 192 900	43 798 800
	19. Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	69 399 400	3 811 100	73 210 500
	20. Economic and social development in Western Asia	50 140 200	(297 400)	49 842 800
	21. Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 749 600	121 900	42 871 500
	Total, part V	**337 137 000**	**15 273 800**	**352 410 800**
Part VI.	*Human rights and humanitarian affairs*			
	22. Human rights	44 727 100	2 849 200	47 576 300
	23. Protection of and assistance to refugees	42 890 400	3 065 600	45 956 000
	24. Palestine refugees	24 828 400	3 450 300	28 278 700
	25. Humanitarian assistance	20 011 600	565 800	20 577 400
	Total, part VI	**132 457 500**	**9 930 900**	**142 388 400**
Part VII.	*Public information*			
	26. Public information	144 719 200	2 388 400	147 107 600
	Total, part VII	**144 719 200**	**2 388 400**	**147 107 600**
Part VIII.	*Common support services*			
	27. Management and central support services	440 883 600	10 458 500	451 342 100
	Total, part VIII	**440 883 600**	**10 458 500**	**451 342 100**
Part IX.	*Internal oversight*			
	28. Internal oversight	20 296 900	649 700	20 946 600
	Total, part IX	**20 296 900**	**649 700**	**20 946 600**
Part X.	*Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses*			
	29. Jointly financed administrative activities	8 436 600	323 000	8 759 600
	30. Special expenses	70 987 500	6 098 100	77 085 600
	Total, part X	**79 424 100**	**6 421 100**	**85 845 200**
Part XI.	*Capital expenditures*			
	31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	87 254 500	1 086 600	88 341 100
	Total, part XI	**87 254 500**	**1 086 600**	**88 341 100**

	Section	Amount approved in resolutions 56/254 A, 56/274 B and 56/286	Increase (decrease)	Revised appropriation
Part XII.	*Staff assessment*			
	32. Staff assessment	353 991 000	14 945 500	368 936 500
	Total, part XII	**353 991 000**	**14 945 500**	**368 936 500**
Part XIII.	*Development Account*			
	33. Development Account	13 065 000	-	13 065 000
	Total, part XIII	**13 065 000**	**-**	**13 065 000**
	Grand total, expenditure estimates	**2 699 267 800**	**191 550 900**	**2 890 818 700**

B

Revised income estimates for the biennium 2002-2003

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2002-2003, the estimates of income of 361,298,900 United States dollars approved by it in its resolutions 56/254 A of 24 December 2001 and 56/274 B and 56/286 of 27 June 2002 shall be increased by 4,393,500 dollars, as follows:

(In United States dollars)

Income section	Amount approved in resolutions 56/254 A, 56/274 B and 56/286	Increase (decrease)	Revised appropriation
1. Income from staff assessment	358 278 500	14 769 600	373 048 100
Total	**358 278 500**	**14 769 600**	**373 048 100**
2. General income	47 283 200	(5 330 000)	41 953 200
3. Services to the public	4 474 400	(5 046 100)	(571 700)
Total	**51 757 600**	**(10 376 100)**	**41 381 500**
Grand total	**410 036 100**	**4 393 500**	**414 429 600**

C

Financing of appropriations for the year 2003

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the year 2003:

1. Budget appropriations totalling 1,606,290,850 United States dollars and consisting of 1,312,589,350 dollars, being half of the appropriations initially approved for the biennium 2002-2003 in its resolution 56/254 C of 24 December 2001, 14,728,900 dollars and 59,360,200 dollars, being additional appropriations approved for the biennium 2002-2003 in its resolutions 56/274 B and 56/286 of 27 June 2002, 191,550,900 dollars, being the increase approved by the General

Assembly in resolution A above, plus 28,061,500 dollars, being the increase in the final appropriations for the biennium 2000-2001 approved in its resolutions 56/240 A of 24 December 2001 and 56/240 C of 27 March 2002, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, as follows:

(a) 37,259,284 dollars, consisting of:

(i) 25,878,800 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than income from staff assessment approved for the biennium 2002–2003 by the Assembly in its resolution 56/254 B of 24 December 2001;

(ii) Less 10,376,100 dollars, being the decrease approved by the Assembly in resolution B above;

(iii) 237,244 dollars, being the unencumbered balance of the final appropriations for the biennium 2000-2001 as at 31 December 2001;

(iv) 26,748,816 dollars, being the savings from liquidations of prior-period obligations as at 31 December 2001;

(v) 5,077 dollars, being the net balance of the contributions of new Member States, offset by other adjustments to fund balances as at 31 December 2001;

(vi) Less 5,234,553 dollars, being the decrease in income other than staff assessment for the biennium 2000-2001 compared with the revised estimates approved by the Assembly in its resolution 55/239 B of 23 December 2000;

(b) 1,569,031,566 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002 on the scale of assessments for the year 2003;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 204,230,264 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 176,268,900 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved by the Assembly in its resolution 56/254 B;

(b) 4,165,800 dollars, being the estimated staff assessment income approved by the Assembly in its resolution 56/274 B;

(c) 1,574,900 dollars, being the estimated staff assessment income approved by the Assembly in its resolution 56/286;

(d) 14,769,600 dollars, being the estimated increase in income from staff assessment approved by the Assembly in resolution B above;

(e) 7,451,064 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2000-2001 compared with the revised estimates approved by the Assembly in its resolution 55/239 B of 23 December 2000.

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81. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa.[26]

Draft decision II
Videoconferencing at the United Nations

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on videoconferencing at the United Nations.[27]

Draft decision III
Decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services,[28] and concurs with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[29]

Draft decision IV
Delivery of advisory services

The General Assembly takes note of the conclusions contained in paragraphs 32 to 37 of the report of the Secretary-General on the delivery of advisory services.[30]

Draft decision V
Trends in extrabudgetary resources at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the impact on its capacity to carry out the programme of work

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on trends in extrabudgetary resources at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the impact on its capacity to carry out the programme of work.[31]

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[26] A/57/322.
[27] A/57/339 and Corr.1.
[28] A/57/348.
[29] A/57/7/Add.3, para. 13.
[30] A/57/363.
[31] A/57/364.

Draft decision VI
Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions

The General Assembly takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions[32] and of the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[33]

Draft decision VII
United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships[34] and concurs with the observations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[35]

Draft decision VIII
Inter-organizational security measures: framework for accountability for the United Nations field security management system

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Inter-organizational security measures: framework for accountability for the United Nations field security management system",[36] and concurs with the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in that regard.[37]

Draft decision IX
Conversion into established posts of some temporary assistance posts financed under section 2 of the programme budget

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the conversion into established posts of some temporary assistance posts financed under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the programme budget,[38] and concurs with the observations and recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[39]

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[32] A/57/361.
[33] A/57/7/Add.3, sect. F.
[34] A/57/133.
[35] A/57/7/Add.6.
[36] A/57/365.
[37] A/57/7/Add.11.
[38] A/57/473.
[39] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. I.

Draft decision X
Cases in which incumbents of the posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for the post

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on cases in which incumbents of the posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for the post;[40]

(b) Reiterates paragraph 7 of its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001;

(c) Concurs with the observations and recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General.[41]

Draft decision XI
Presentation of estimates of staff assessment

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the presentation of estimates of staff assessment,[42] and concurs with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon.[43]

Draft decision XII
Development Account

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of projects financed from the Development Account,[44] and concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[45]

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to clearly indicate the role of projects funded from the Development Account vis-à-vis those funded from section 21, Regular programme of technical cooperation,[46] of the programme budget.

[40] A/57/466.
[41] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. II.
[42] A/57/464.
[43] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. III.
[44] A/57/360.
[45] A/57/7/Add.5.
[46] A/56/6 (Sect. 21).

Draft decision XIII
Experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in its decision 53/411 B

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the experience in applying the revised administrative arrangements approved by the General Assembly for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO in its decision 53/411 B of 18 December 1998[47] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[48] and endorses the recommendations contained therein.

Draft decision XIV
Proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations[49] and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[50]

(b) Adopts the revised Financial Regulations as set out in the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General;

(c) Decides that the revised Regulations shall take effect as from 1 January 2003;

(d) Decides also that existing financial regulations 5.10 and 9.4, which apply exclusively to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, shall be presented in the special annex for the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

Draft decision XV
Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat[51] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[52]

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[47] A/C.5/57/14.
[48] A/57/7/Add.10.
[49] A/57/396.
[50] See A/C.5/57/SR.26.
[51] A/57/483.
[52] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. V.

(b) Decides to continue its consideration of the question of the comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat during its fifty-eighth session under the items entitled "Human resources management" and "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005";

(c) Requests the Secretary-General to include, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, more information on the question of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat in the light of the views expressed by Member States, and in particular to provide a comparison of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat with those of other multilateral organizations not covered in the report of the Secretary-General, as well as with those of some Member States, and the percentage share of each grade.

Draft decision XVI
Results-based budgeting

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on results-based budgeting for the biennium 2002-2003[53] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[54] and endorses the approach outlined by the Secretary-General in paragraph 57 of his report;

(b) Also takes note of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the implementation of all provisions of General Assembly resolution 55/231 of 23 December 2000 on results-based budgeting,[55] and supports the approach to be followed by the Secretary-General, as outlined in paragraph 46 of that report;

(c) Notes with appreciation the efforts made to date by the Secretary-General in implementing the provisions of General Assembly resolution 55/231;

(d) Notes that the issues addressed in the above-mentioned reports of the Secretary-General and the Office of Internal Oversight Services are relevant to some measures outlined in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change".[56]

Draft decision XVII
Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations[57] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[58]

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[53] A/57/478.
[54] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. VI.
[55] See A/57/474.
[56] A/57/387 and Corr.1.
[57] A/57/471.
[58] A/57/7/Add.14, sect. IV.

(b) Decides to continue consideration of this question at the main part of its fifty-eighth session in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report providing a comparative analysis of the practice followed by other international organizations in this regard for consideration at the main part of its fifty-eighth session.

Draft decision XVIII
Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

The General Assembly, having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research[59] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[60] approves the request for a subvention of 227,600 United States dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research for 2003.

Draft decision XIX
Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,[61] and concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 7 of its report.[62]

Draft decision XX
Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization

The General Assembly:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization[63] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[64]

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[59] A/C.5/57/4.
[60] A/57/7/Add.7.
[61] A/57/467.
[62] A/57/7/Add.8.
[63] A/57/355.
[64] A/57/7/Add.2.

(b) Expresses concern that the Department of Public Information was not able to identify at this stage any resources, including through redeployment, for this priority activity;

(c) Requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the implementation of his proposal on strengthening the web site through the redeployment of resources within the Department of Public Information, giving priority to the language posts required, and to report on the status of implementation to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session;

(d) Recalls paragraph 66 of its resolution 57/130 B of 11 December 2002;

(e) Requests the Secretary-General, in this context, to keep the question of the equality between the six official languages on the web site under review and to submit proposals aimed at achieving full equality between the languages.

Draft decision XXI
Future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly, having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1 on the future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women[65] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[66]

(a) Notes that the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.16/Rev.1 would give rise to additional requirements of 500,000 United States dollars under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003,[67] and also notes that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, this provision would represent a charge against the contingency fund;

(b) Approves, in the context of the consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates subject to the criteria for the use of the contingency fund,[68] a charge in the amount of 250,000 dollars against the contingency fund to finance core activities of the Institute, defined as the salaries and common staff costs of the four Professional posts currently in the staffing table;

(c) Decides that an amount of 250,000 dollars will be set aside in the contingency fund for the current biennium as an additional provision to the Institute for core activities in 2003, which brings the total amount to 500,000 dollars, pending firm pledges and/or payments of voluntary contributions necessary for the viable operation of the Institute;

[65] A/C.5/57/24.
[66] A/57/7/Add.18.
[67] A/56/6 (Sect. 9) and A/56/6/Corr.1.
[68] A/C.5/57/33.

(d) Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, through the Fifth Committee, before the end of its resumed fifty-seventh session on the financial situation of the Institute, including the status of voluntary contributions vis-à-vis the resources required to ensure its viability, and to consider the additional charge against the contingency fund referred to in paragraph (c) above;

(e) Notes that the statement on programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[69] was based on the recommendations of the Working Group on the Future Operations of the International Research and Training Institute for Women;[70]

(f) Requests the Secretary-General to introduce the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women[71] to the General Assembly before the end of its resumed fifty-seventh session.

Draft decision XXII
Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The General Assembly, having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7 on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues[72] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[73] endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and notes that the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.7 would give rise to additional requirements of up to 316,600 dollars under section 9, Economic and social affairs,[74] 96,200 dollars under section 27, Management and central support services,[75] and a related amount of 43,000 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment,[76] offset by an amount of 43,000 dollars under income section 1, Income from staff assessment,[77] of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Draft decision XXIII
Khmer Rouge trials

The General Assembly, having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70 on the Khmer Rouge trials[78] and the related report of the Advisory

[69] A/C.5/57/24.
[70] A/57/330 and Add.1.
[71] See A/56/907.
[72] A/C.5/57/26.
[73] A/57/7/Add.19.
[74] A/56/6 (Sect. 9) and A/56/6/Corr.1.
[75] Ibid. (Sect. 27).
[76] Ibid. (Sect. 32).
[77] Ibid. (Income sect. 1).
[78] A/C.5/57/29.

Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[79] endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and notes that in the event of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70, the requirements would be met from within existing resources under section 8, Legal affairs,[80] of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Draft decision XXIV
Ensuring effective secretariat support for the sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

The General Assembly, having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62 on ensuring effective secretariat support for the sustained follow-up to the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development[81] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[82] endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, and notes that the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.62 would give rise to additional requirements of up to 95,500 United States dollars under section 9, Economic and social affairs,[83] 85,700 dollars under section 27, Management and central support services[84] and a related amount of 22,000 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment,[85] offset by an amount of 22,000 dollars under income section 1, Income from staff assessment,[86] of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

Draft decision XXV
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002[87] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[88] endorses the recommendation of the Secretary-General to:

[79] A/57/7/Add.22.
[80] A/56/6 (Sect. 8).
[81] A/C.5/57/32.
[82] A/57/7/Add.24.
[83] A/56/6 (Sect. 9) and A/56/6/Corr.1.
[84] Ibid. (Sect. 27).
[85] Ibid. (Sect. 32).
[86] Ibid. (Income sect. 1).
[87] A/C.5/57/13 and Corr.1.
[88] A/57/7/Add.12.

(a) Approve the provision of 44,700 United States dollars in additional appropriations under section 22, Human rights,[89] of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 as a charge against the contingency fund for financing activities in respect of Economic and Social Council decision 2002/285;

(b) Invite the Economic and Social Council to review its decision 2002/281 with a view to ensuring that additional meetings of the Commission on Human Rights are not required in connection with its fifty-ninth session;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to provide such conference services as might be required consequent to Economic and Social Council decisions 2002/257 and 2002/281, as reviewed, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the related expenditures in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

[89] A/56/6 (Sect. 22) and A/56/6/Corr.1.